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**ANDERSON CHILDREN**

According to a recent article in the Los Angeles Daily Journal, two young children were sexually, physically and emotionally abused while under the care of the Department of Children and Family Services. Many critics have complained that foster care placement is often worse than the homes where the children were taken.

The article also indicates that one of the children may be receiving improper medication, Paxil, a drug often used to treat depression and other disorders. Last month, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an alert that Paxil could cause suicidal behavior when given to children and recommends that Paxil not be used to treat depressed children.

**I, THEREFORE MOVE, THAT** the Board instruct the Director of Children and Family Services to report back in 14 days with a case history, including a permanent placement plan for the children and any actions taken to address the concerns raised by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration regarding the use of the drug, Paxil for young children.

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